



## Workshops Focus on Alternative Fuel Vehicle Safety Training

### *First Responders Learn What To Expect in an Emergency*

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(Indianapolis) – With the number of Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFVs) on Indiana’s roads increasing, First Responders need to know how to handle these vehicles if they are involved in a collision or accident. A series of workshops sponsored by Greater Indiana Clean Cities Coalition and the Indiana Office of Energy Development will provide emergency personnel with the training they need when they are first on the scene.

The workshops, to be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis will introduce emergency personnel to vehicles powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and propane (Liquefied Propane Gas or LPG) as well as Electric and Hybrid Electric vehicles. Demonstration vehicles will be used to highlight the various types, properties and configurations.

“Indiana’s first responders are the best in the country, and we aim to keep it that way by training them on how to treat these emerging technologies,” said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman who oversees the Office of Energy Development and chairs Indiana’s Counter-Terrorism and Security Council (CTASC).

“These vehicles may require different emergency procedures if involved in a collision,” said Kellie Walsh, Executive Director of the Greater Indiana Clean Cities Coalition. “With more and more of these AFV’s on the road, First Responders need to know what to expect.”

The workshop will be conducted three times over two days. Two sessions will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:00am to 12:00 Noon, and from 12:30pm to 4:30pm. The program will be repeated on October 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 12:00 Noon. All of the workshops will be held at the Indiana Department of Transportation facility at 7105 Brookville Road in Indianapolis.

Information for the workshops is provided by the National Alternative Fuel Training Consortium which is sponsoring the event along with Greater Indiana Clean Cities Coalition and the Office of Energy Development. Registration is on line at <http://indyfirstrespondertraining.eventbrite.com/>.

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The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state’s energy policy. For more information visit [www.energy.in.gov](http://www.energy.in.gov) or follow OED on twitter, IndianaEnergy.

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**About GICCC:** Clean Cities is a U.S. DOE sponsored program promoting alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) and fuels at the grassroots level to improve our nation's air quality and lessen our dependence on foreign oil. Greater Indiana (formerly Central Indiana or CICC) was designated as a Clean Cities Coalition in 1999. [www.greaterindiana.org](http://www.greaterindiana.org).